Retrenchments in the Geological Dpeartment.

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Report of the Mysore Retrenchment Committee of 1931 proposing the marginally noted retrenchments in the Budget of the Geological Department for the year 1931-32.

1. Rs. 1,200 by retrenching one Field Assistant out of three under Establishment.
2. Rs. 500 under Travelling allowance 10 per cent.
3. Rs. 300 under Contingencies.
4. Rs. 5,000 under Mineral Survey and Prospecting Work.

Rs. 7,000

2. Government Order No. 11240-41—Geol. 96-30-6, dated 29th June 1931, directing that a further cut of Rs. 300 in addition to Rs. 200 already effected, be made in the Travelling Allowance of the Geological Department (Rs. 150 under Travelling Allowance to officers and Rs. 150 under Travelling Allowance to Establishment) as recommended by the Retrenchment Committee and that a reduction of Rs. 116 under Contingencies be also effected.

3. Government Order No. Fl. 1795-1850—G. F. 54-31-1, dated 14th September 1931, directing, among other things, that the grants provided in the current year's Budget for ordinary Travelling Allowance be reduced by 25 per cent.

4. Correspondence ending with letter No. 5176-12, dated 2nd October 1931, from the Officiating Director of Geology, forwarding a list showing further retrenchments in the Budget allotment of the Geological Department for the year 1931-32 under Travelling Allowance and Contingencies in accordance with the Government Order read above as detailed below and stating that no further surrenders are possible.

Particulars	Budget provision for 1931-32	Cuts effected in G. O. of 29th June 1931	Further cuts on the reduced grant (25 per cent) as directed in G. O. of 14th September 1931
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. a. p.
1. Travelling Allowance.—			
(a) Officers ..	3,300	150	787 8 0
(b) Establishment ..	1,500	150	337 8 0
Total under Travelling Allowance.		300	1,125 0 0
2. Contingencies.—	1,816	116	
Grand Total Cuts under both heads.—	1,541		

ORDER NO. FL. 2886-8—G. F. 76-31-9, DATED 17TH OCTOBER 1931.

Against the retrenchments proposed by the Retrenchment Committee, provision has been made in the current year's budget, only for one Field Assistant instead of three. Besides, a reduction of 10 per cent under the provision for Travelling Allowance. The Director has now agreed to a further reduction of Travelling Allowance of 25 per cent. Under Special Charges (Library and Laboratory), the Retrenchment Committee proposed a retrenchment of Rs. 300, but the Director is of opinion that the proposed reduction under the item will impair the proper working of the Department. He has, however, accepted the reduction of Rs. 116 under Contingencies in addition to a sum of Rs. 184 already reduced in the provisional budget. As regards the reduction of Rs. 5,000 under Mineral Survey and Prospecting Work, it is seen from the current year's budget that the provision for this purpose has been reduced to Rs. 5,000 against Rs. 10,000 for last year. No further action is therefore called for in regard to the Retrenchment Committee's proposals. The further retrenchment in Travelling Allowance to the extent of 25 per cent in Government Order of 14th September 1931 which is also agreed to by the Officiating Director of Geology is approved. Government note that the total amount of reductions effected in the Financial budget of the Geological Department for 1931-32 amounts to Rs. 1,541 under Travelling Allowance and Contingencies. Government desire that all further economies possible should be effected.

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